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For: MICROSCOPE LENS FOR TOTAL

INTERNAL REFLEXION MICROSCOPY AND

MICROSCOPE

Examiner: Arnel C. Lavarias

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 9, 2009, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 32 and 62), drawn to a microscope including the microscope objective.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 31 and 45 are linking claims.

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It is respectfully requested that each of claims 32 and 62, as well as linking claims 31 and 45, presently pending in this application be examined.

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